

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 550

By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor James Brandon Owen, 1998
Salutatorian of East Robertson High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, James Brandon Owen is one such outstanding student who has distinguished himself as salutatorian of the 1998 graduating class at East Robertson High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Mr. Owen has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his academic success, James has participated in various activities and clubs, including the RISE Gifted Program, Governor's School for the Humanities at UT-Martin, Student Council, National Honor Society, Drama Club, and French Club; and

WHEREAS, in his laudable high school career, James has earned an exceptional grade point average and has gained numerous accolades and awards including meritorious service as vice-president and president of Senior Beta and Junior Beta State president, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Chairman of the FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team, president of the Spanish Club, president of the French Club, Freshman Class president, and Sophomore Class vice-president; and

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WHEREAS, through his athletic talent, James has earned varsity letters in numerous sports, including the golf team from which he was the regional qualifier, the cross country team, basketball team and Baseball team; he was an all-district selection in both basketball and baseball; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Owen's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Owen's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for his parents, Bill and Cindy Owen, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, James Brandon Owen's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 1998 East Robertson High School Salutatorian, James Brandon Owen, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.